

NDE Bulletin
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2013 Annual NDE Data Conference

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Thank you to all who attended and/or presented at the 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference “THE POWER OF DATA” on April 29 & 30. Conference materials – session presentation materials are posted on the conference website at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov>. Also, the evaluation forms are available to provide feedback or comments to help us continue to improve the experience.

Mark your calendars for the 2014 NDE Data Conference, April 14-15, 2013 in Kearney, Nebraska.



High Ability Learners (HAL) Eligible –verify counts by June 14, 2013

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To get ready for High Ability Learners (HAL) collection for 2013-2014 (available on the Portal under the Data Collections tab), which will have a due date of September 1, 2013, the High Ability Learner Eligible student counts are taken directly from 2012-2013 NSSRS. The timeframe for editing membership data has passed and your district should have made sure this count is correct.

The timeframe for editing “High Ability Learners Eligible” student data (field 129) in the 2012-2013 Student template is coming up on **June 14, 2013**, so now is the time to make sure your HAL students are correctly identified in NSSRS. Please visit (or have the Data Steward at your district) NSSRS Validations and verify the Student Verification reports: General and Miscellaneous - High Ability Learner Eligible.



2012-2013 Student Grades Template & Reporting Early Childhood Students: Birth up to Kindergarten Entrance Age

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

180000 – Self Contained Classroom

Staff reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher) or 7-1160 (SPED early childhood teacher) or T-1160 (Title I Targeted Assistance or Schoolwide Early Childhood) **AND if the students have a Programs Fact Template– Early Childhood EC-XXXXX.**

***180005 - Home-Based Program (Non-Sped)**

Staff reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher)

***194000 - Special Education In-Home Setting**

Staff reported as 7-1160 (sped early childhood Teacher)

*The Home Based course descriptions are inclusive of teaching/coaching parents and families of young children birth to kindergarten eligible entrance age in the child's home.



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

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The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) will be released to the public in August without graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
April 29, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to districts in eDirect
May 24, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to public
July 10, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to districts in eDirect
July 12, 2013	2013 SOSR Preview Opens with data from End-of-Year NSSRS reports
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to public (district and school level data only)
August 13, 2013	Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview for 30 day review
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) on 2013 SOSR Preview
August 27, 2013	NePAS in 2013 SOSR Preview without graduation data or ranking
Sept. 13, 2013	AYP results final on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 18, 2013	PLAS review begins on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR



Student Match Data - National Student Clearinghouse "StudentTracker"

Contact: Matt Hastings (402-471-3104 or matt.hastings@nebraska.gov)

NDE recently updated student match information provided by the National Student Clearinghouse. For many districts, this resource is used to support data matching and follow-up requirements for state and federal reporting (e.g. Carl D. Perkins Career Education) in addition to tracking and assessing the educational achievement of former students.

In 2012, the Nebraska Department of Education entered into a state-level agreement that provides free access for all public schools in Nebraska to StudentTracker information. In the past, in order to access StudentTracker information, districts were required to enter into an agreement directly with the National Student Clearinghouse. However, this is no longer the case. Now, the Nebraska Department of Education provides StudentTracker information directly to school districts via the NDE portal.

To access this information, enter the NSSRS Validation section of the NDE portal. Next, locate the “Data Downloads” tab in the blue options ribbon at the top of the page. Beneath the “Data Downloads” tab, you will find the “Student Clearinghouse” option. Selecting the “Student Clearinghouse” option provides an overview of the National Student Clearinghouse, the StudentTracker system, as well as external links for more information. At the bottom of the page you will find links to Excel data file(s) which contain the student match information from the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker for your school district. The year represented by the link indicates the academic year in which the students contained in the file graduated with a diploma (only students graduating early or on-time are included in the file). Details explaining the data elements included in the Excel files are also provided.



The following collections are now open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC):

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State Of The Schools Report

District/school descriptions that appear on the State of the Schools Report website; grades for reporting NRT (elementary, middle and high school); Graduation requirements; District contact for assessment data. Was open on April 1, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public

For more information, contact John Moon - john.moon@nebraska.gov, (402) 471-1685

Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey

NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Assurances). Was open on April 15, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1740

Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions). **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321

Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3570.

For more information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3184.

For more information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – freida.lange@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2444

ESU/District/System/School Information Report

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU, Interim

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov (402) 471-4738

Nonpublic High School Completer Report

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12. **Due date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Nonpublic

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov (402) 471-4738

Annual Participation Report

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Public

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – beth.zillig@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2452

Pupil Transportation Report

Transportation/Bus Information. **Due Date 6/30/2013**

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU

For more information, contact Janice Eret – Janice.eret@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2248

Postsecondary Terms

Collects postsecondary term-specific information applicable to the 2013 academic school year. This data supports the Nebraska P16 Initiative and Nebraska P-20 SLDS. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

Collection completed by Postsecondary Schools

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Assessment data are being prepared for release to school districts and to the public. Schedule below:
Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website
<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

NeSA-Reading, Math, Science	
NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window	March 25 – May 3
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up R, M, S Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting R, M, S	July 1, 2 and 9
NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT	July 10
NeSA Reading, Math, and Science School and District Results released to public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	August 13
NeSA-Writing	
Districts accessed writing reports	April 29
NeSA-Writing Score verifications due at NDE	May 13

District Preview of NeSA -Writing Results before Public Release	May 13-May 17
NeSA-Writing School and District results released to the public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	May 24

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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